

SENATE BILL No. 194

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: None (noncode).

Synopsis: Food, farms, and jobs. Establishes the local and organic food and farm task force to create a plan to expand and support a local and organic food system.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT concerning agriculture and animals.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2010] (a) As used in this
2 SECTION, "task force" refers to the Indiana local and organic
3 food and farm task force established by subsection (b).

4 (b) The Indiana local and organic food and farm task force is
5 established to develop a plan with policy and funding
6 recommendations to:

7 (1) expand and support a local and organic food system; and

8 (2) assess and overcome obstacles to increasing locally grown
9 food and local organic food production.

10 (c) The governor shall appoint members to the task force. The
11 task force shall be staffed by the Indiana state department of
12 agriculture. Members serve for a term of two (2) years and must
13 include the following:

14 (1) The director of the Indiana state department of
15 agriculture or the director's designee, who shall serve as
16 chairperson of the task force.

17 (2) The secretary of commerce or the secretary's designee.

18 (3) The secretary of family and social services or the

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secretary's designee.

(4) The commissioner of the state department of health or the commissioner's designee.

(5) Four (4) local farmers, two (2) of whom must be organic farmers representing the following farming sectors:

(A) Dairy.

(B) Meat.

(C) Vegetable.

(D) Grain.

(6) Seven (7) specialty crop producers representing the following sectors:

(A) Flowers.

(B) Fruits.

(C) Viticulture.

(D) Aquaculture.

(E) Fiber.

(F) Vegetable.

(G) Ornamental.

(7) Two (2) food processors, one (1) of whom must be a processor of organic food and one (1) of whom must be a processor of local food.

(8) One (1) organic food distributor.

(9) One (1) nonorganic food distributor.

(10) Three (3) representatives of nonprofit educational organizations who are engaged in supporting and expanding local food networks.

(11) One (1) certifier of local or organic food.

(12) One (1) consumer of local or organic food.

(13) Two (2) representatives of farm organizations.

(14) One (1) representative of Purdue University, School of Agriculture.

(15) One (1) representative of a nonprofit organization involved in the distribution of food.

(16) One (1) local food retailer who sells food at farmers markets.

(17) Two (2) representatives of local government.

(18) Four (4) representatives from community based organizations focusing on food access, at least three (3) of whom must be minority members.

(19) One (1) chef specializing in the preparation of organic foods.

(d) The expenses of the task force shall be paid from

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1 appropriations made to the Indiana state department of
2 agriculture.

3 (e) Each member of the task force who is not a state employee
4 is entitled to the minimum salary per diem provided by
5 IC 4-10-11-2.1(b). The member is also entitled to reimbursement
6 for traveling expenses as provided under IC 4-13-1-4 and other
7 expenses actually incurred in connection with the member's duties
8 as provided in the state policies and procedures established by the
9 Indiana department of administration and approved by the budget
10 agency.

11 (f) Each member of the task force who is a state employee is
12 entitled to reimbursement for traveling expenses as provided under
13 IC 4-13-1-4 and other expenses actually incurred in connection
14 with the member's duties as provided in the state policies and
15 procedures established by the Indiana department of
16 administration and approved by the budget agency.

17 (g) The affirmative votes of a majority of the voting members
18 appointed to the task force are required for the task force to take
19 action on any measure, including final reports.

20 (h) The task force shall develop a plan that includes:

21 (1) policies; and

22 (2) funding recommendations;

23 for expanding and supporting local and organic food systems. The
24 organic food system must be designed to assess and overcome
25 obstacles to an increase in locally grown food and local organic
26 food production.

27 (i) The task force shall prepare and submit an interim plan to
28 the general assembly by October 1, 2011, and a final plan by
29 October 1, 2012, in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6.

30 (j) The plan must:

31 (1) identify land preservation and acquisition opportunities
32 for local and organic agriculture in rural, suburban, and
33 urban areas;

34 (2) identify farmer training and development programs and
35 make recommendations to expand training programs;

36 (3) identify financial incentives, technical support, and
37 training necessary to help farmers transition to local, organic,
38 and specialty crop production by minimizing financial losses
39 during the three (3) year transition period required under
40 United States Department of Agriculture standards and to
41 help with record keeping requirements;

42 (4) identify strategies and funding needs to make fresh and

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affordable foods more accessible, both in rural and urban communities, with an emphasis on creating new food outlets in Indiana;

(5) identify the financial and technical support necessary to build connections among landowners, farmers, buyers, and consumers;

(6) identify the financial and technical support necessary to build a local food infrastructure of processing, storage, and distribution;

(7) identify the financial and technical support necessary to develop new food and agriculture related businesses for local food and organic food production and distribution, including:

(A) on-farm processing;

(B) micromarkets;

(C) incubator kitchens; and

(D) marketing and communications businesses;

(8) identify the financial and technical support necessary:

(A) to expand the development of farmers markets, roadside markets, and local grocery stores in unserved and underserved areas; and

(B) to create year round public markets in large communities;

(9) research, identify, and coordinate best practices and opportunities for the development of local food and organic food production;

(10) identify opportunities to educate the public and producers about the benefits of local food systems; and

(11) identify legal impediments to local food and organic food production and develop recommendations for a remedy to the impediments.

(k) This SECTION expires December 31, 2012.

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